

Stanwick Allotments and Community Garden

Location

North side of Raunds Road at Parish Fields

Description

The 2 acre site is situated on Parish Fields. It is fully enclosed by stock fencing, with a pedestrian gate and a vehicle access gate. The gates are secured by a combination padlock.

The site is divided into 26 allotments and a community garden.

Water is provided by stand pipes.

The site is accessed from Raunds Road via a purpose built road access and a pedestrian gate. These conform to highway standards.

The Council has arranged for boulders to be placed on the adjoining verge to ensure cars are not parked on the verge which may obstruct the sight lines of drivers exiting the allotment access.

Each allotment holder has a tenancy agreement with the Parish Council. Allotment holders are required to observe the Allotment Rules that are designed to ensure the safe operation of the site.

Facilities

None within the allotments site.

Allotment holders may apply to erect a shed or poly-tunnel on their plot for which they are responsible for.

The Community Garden has a poly-tunnel and 6 raised beds.

Users

Allotment holders must be over the age of 18 years.

Where Stanwick School, Pre-school Play Group and Acorn Nursery use the site, they will be responsible for undertaking their own risk assessments and for the safety and security of the children in their care. They will be responsible for ensuring the correct adult to child ratio and child protection.

Hazard	Who	Level of risk	Action
Trips and falls typically giving rise to minor cuts and abrasions, twisted ankles etc.	Allotment users, community users, contractors users, garden visitors,	Medium	Care to be taken by individuals; should be alert to local surface conditions, vegetation, etc
Blisters, minor cuts, abrasions	Allotment users, community users, contractors users, garden visitors,	Medium	Each individual has to take personal responsibility for his/her safety*

Use of tools - risk of injury to self and others	Allotment users, community users, contractors	users, garden visitors,	Medium	Each individual has to take personal responsibility for his/her safety* Contractors to undertake their own risk assessment.
Animal manure and composting – risk of infection	Allotment users, community users, contractors	users, garden visitors,	Medium	Each individual has to take personal responsibility for his/her safety*
Sharps, needles, razor blades – risk of injury	Allotment users, community users, contractors	users, garden visitors,	Low in terms of finding such items in the site.	Each individual has to take personal responsibility for his/her safety*
Bonfires	Allotment users, community users, contractors	users, garden visitors,	Low	Not permitted on site
Sunburn/hypothermia – risk to general health	Allotment users, community users, contractors	users, garden visitors,	Medium	Each individual has to take personal responsibility for his/her safety*
Pesticides and fertilisers – risk to health	Allotment users, community users, contractors	users, garden visitors,	Medium	Parish Council does not provide chemicals. Each individual has to take personal responsibility for his/her safety*
Bee & wasp stings - injury	Allotment users, community users, contractors	users, garden visitors,	Low	Each individual has to take personal responsibility for his/her safety*
Water butts – infection, risk of falling over onto a person	Allotment users, community users, contractors	users, garden visitors,	Medium	Allotment holders provide their own water butts. Each individual has to take personal responsibility for his/her safety*
Vermin - rats	Allotment users, community users, contractors	users, garden visitors,	Medium	Rats have found on site. Generally tenants are not permitted to use rat poison. Two experienced tenants are nominated rat monitors. Professional pest controls to be employed as required. Each individual has to take personal responsibility for his/her safety*

* A Health and Safety guidance note is to be issued with tenancy renewals, to all new tenancy holders. Note: Level risk represents both the likelihood of occurrence as well as the severity of injury.

This report was offered to the Council in January 2017. Risk Assessment to be reviewed January 2018